

HOUSE RESOLUTION 128

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A RESOLUTION to honor Morgan Cox, long snapper for the Tennessee Titans.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this legislative body should honor a native son and University of Tennessee (UT) graduate who has excelled throughout a twelve-year career in the National Football League (NFL); and

WHEREAS, a native of Collierville, Morgan Cox attended Evangelical Christian High School and was instrumental in the Eagles' overall gridiron success, helping lead the team to a State Championship appearance as a senior and the semifinal game as a junior; and

WHEREAS, as a senior, Morgan played center and long snapper for the Eagles and received All-State Honorable Mention recognition and the *Commercial Appeal* Best of Preps Award; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from high school, Morgan Cox was a walk-on player for the UT Volunteers football team; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cox was the Vols' long snapper for three seasons (2007-2009) and 38 games and earned an athletic scholarship from UT prior to the 2008 season; a gifted scholar, he earned Academic All-SEC honors from 2006-2009 and graduated with a degree in accounting; and

WHEREAS, an undrafted free agent following the 2010 NFL draft, Morgan Cox signed with the Baltimore Ravens in 2010 and soon became a starter as the team's long snapper; and

WHEREAS, he played the first eleven years of his career with one team, a rare accomplishment in the NFL, and he ranks among the all-time leaders in Ravens history with 165 regular-season games and ten postseason contests played; and

WHEREAS, he executed his assignment as Baltimore's long snapper with distinction; Morgan Cox was named to the Pro Bowl four times (2015, 2016, 2019, and 2020), and last year, he became the first long snapper ever named to an All-Pro team; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, Mr. Cox received the team's Ed Block Courage Award after returning from a significant injury he suffered in 2010; and

WHEREAS, a responsible citizen in addition to being an outstanding football player, Morgan Cox was an integral part of the Ravens' social justice initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the ultimate achievement for any NFL player is a Super Bowl ring; Morgan Cox earned that honor as a member of the 2012 Baltimore Ravens team that won Super Bowl XLVII and the NFL Championship; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2021, Morgan Cox was signed as an unrestricted free agent by the Tennessee Titans; he executed his long-snapping duties to perfection during the 2021-2022 NFL regular season and played an important role for the Titans in the playoffs; and

WHEREAS, Morgan Cox has earned his rightful place among the best long snappers of all-time as a four-time Pro Bowl honoree, the first long snapper to be named All-Pro, 2012 Super Bowl champion, and essential member of his home-state Tennessee Titans; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and commend Morgan Cox, Tennessee native, UT graduate, and All-Pro long snapper for the Tennessee Titans, and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success in football and in life.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.